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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Response and Amendment responds to the outstanding Office Action dated February 4, 2000. Please amend the application as follows:

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile via (703) 305-3590 to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

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